

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Present Invention and the Pending Claims

The present invention provides a method for selectively increasing glutamate and/or aspartate release in a central nervous system locus in a site-specific manner. Claims 1-6 currently are pending.

Summary of the Claim Amendment

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the non-spherical microstructure also is biodegradable and non-bursting, as supported by the specification at, for example, page 6, lines 4-8 and page 9, lines 4-9. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not enabled by the specification. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of the Enablement Rejection

Claims 1-6 allegedly are not enabled because the specification enables biodegradable, non-bursting, non-spherical microstructures but not all non-spherical microstructures are enabled. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the non-spherical microstructure also is biodegradable and non-bursting. Since the Examiner has acknowledged the specification as enabling for biodegradable, non-bursting, non-spherical microstructures, the amended claims are enabled, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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